

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



CASE NO.
TN10091-AC

VIOLATOR
Melissa Stinnett

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Melissa Stinnett
20 Pharr Street
Canton, NC 28716-4832

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **August 30, 2009**, you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

Entered, for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse "Hank's 38 Special," at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration which tested positive for Sulfur.

The Horse Protection Act prohibits the following conduct:

15 U.S.C. § 1824(7) – Unlawful Acts

The showing or exhibiting at a horse show or horse exhibition; the selling or auctioning at a horse sale or auction; the allowing to be shown, exhibited, or sold at a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction; the entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition; or offering for sale at a horse sale or auction, any horse which is wearing or bearing any equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance which the Secretary by regulation under Section 1828 of this title prohibits to prevent the soring of horses.

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Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

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